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EGMORE,
28*th June* 1934.

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Assistant Curator in Charge, Madras Record Office.

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LETTERS TO TELLICHERRY
1743-44

(VOLUME No. 7)

N°. 1.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

Wee reced your Letter of the 15th. past the 2d. Inst. and that of the 27th. yesterday if Gold had been procurable we should have been glad to have been supply'd with some, as Silver in General is so low and Rupees at such a rate in exchange for fanams as has not been known.

From a little supply we gott of money at Interest we are enabled to purchase the small quantity of Old Pepper that is now procurable and pay our Garrison till the Arrival of the Tyger Galevatt which wee shall expect some time next month.

Wee have not as yett reced any News from Fort St. George of the Arrival of any of Our Honble Masters Ships from Europe.

Wee are

ANJENGO,
JULY 16TH. 1743.

SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

RECED THE 3D. AUGUST.
℔ PATTAMAR.

N°. 2.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The impost of this sheweth that concerning repairing the Gallivatt I have reced every thing from the Linguist of Callicut which was proper for it and has Compleated all except the Paying of the Bottom for which I must wait till such time as I may have reced advice from you after which I shall make as much Expedition as possible I can and att the Breaking up of the Massoons [*sic*], as wind and weather may Permit shall make the best of my way to which you may please to order me.

As to what Mr. Jenkinson wrote concerning the Country People, I hope you will be so good as to excuse my not writing as I being there at the same time and having nothing else matterial thought his might do.

Concerning the three Europeans which went away the first of June last I hope the Linguist has accquainted you of itt as I desired him to do: I have reced three months pay for the People since I have been here.

BEEPORE
JULY 26TH. 1743.

I am
SIR
Your very Humble Servant to Command
RICHD. RICHARD. [*sic*].

RECED 5TH. AUGUST
℔ PATTAMAR.

N°. 3.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

As it will be so late as the month of November before I shall be called upon for the delivery of my Arrack contract with the Hoñble Company of which I allready have in warehouse upwards of Two Hundred Hhd^s. for Shiping off.

I am now to request you will advance me one Thousand Rupees more on that acco^t. which I do hereby promise to be Accountable for.

And am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Obed^t. Humble Serv^t.
GEORGE JENKINSON.

TELLICHERRY
AUG^T. 12^TH. 1743.

N°. 3 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

To day I receed your Letter of the 7^th. Instant and shall make as much dispatch as possable but I must wait now till the next Springs on the Account I cannot haul of now itt being too late in the Springs.

I am sorry the Linguist never Accquainted you of the Europeans running away as I Desiring him and likewise Discounted what provisions I had Receed for them at the same time.

As for the Charges I shall keep a just Account of as near as I can, as for what I could have att Beepore. I see Bought myself by his Assistant which I paid for, and he remitted the mony to me again but as to settling a price upon any thing I never did but left itt always to the Linguist or his Assistant which was always with me here upon these Occasions.

I am
SIR
Your most Humble Servant
RICH^D RICHARDS.

BEEPORE
AUG^T. 14^TH. 1743.
RECED 18^TH. DITTO
℔ TONEY.

N°. 4.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS,

After closing the above in the Evening imported the Warwick Captain Robert Misenor from Great Brtain [*sic*]. She left Portsmouth the 7^th. March when the Princess Louisa had also received her Dispatches, and the Princess of Wales would also sail in a few days. There was no War with France when this Ship sailed.

Such Paragraphs of the Honble Court of Directors their Commands as are necessary for your Notice shall be sent by the next oppertunity.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
H^E. HOWARD.
EDWARD OWEN.
JOHN MUNRO.

BOMBAY CASTLE

THE 20^TH. AUGUST 1743.

RECE^D. 2^D. SEPTEMBER
℔ BRILLIANT BRIG^TINE.

N°. 6.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELL^Y.

SIR & SIRS

By Pattamar from Goa we received on the 21^st. Ult°. yours of the 16^th. of April and 28^th. of May.

The Salisbury on whom you were necessitated to send the whole three Lack of Rupees designed for Bengall we are advised was arrived att Madrass. She also carried thither the twenty thousand Rupees (20000) which was to have been landed att Anjengo the Commander alledging the appearance of bad Weather prevented his calling at this place.

We observe you esteem your stock of Money sufficient till October at least if M^r. Crommelin should not draw upon you however to prevent any deficiency we now for the present consign you twenty thousand Rupees (20000) on the Brillant as ℔ Invoice inclosed. She will afterwards proceed to Anjengo having a Supply of Treasure for that place.

As the Tyger Gallivatt will be of service to protect your part of the Coast from Piractical Boats we permit of your keeping her the next Season, but the service will not admit of another Gallivatt being spared: and as she will now be employed solely for the service of your settlement her expences ought to be carried to your Factory which you are henceforward to charge although in effect it is the same thing whether she appears on our or your Books.

The Mountague we are advised was arrived at Mocha from Great Britain but we have not received any Letter from the Honble Company, private advices say she is to remain Commodore Ship on this Coast for the ensuing Season and that three others are bound to this place. As we hope we shall be able to provide full Loadings for them within the time requisite for their dispatch we have considered whether it is proper to continue the purchase of Pepper att Callicut which doubtless you are sensible has an ill influence on the price att Tellicherry and therefore ought not to be practiced but when absolutely necessary. If a Sufficiency can be obtained without having recourse to Callicutt or other Ports contiguous to Tellicherry there will then be no occasion to buy up there, and if even a deficiency is apprehended it had better be provided at Cochin or other distant parts whereby the price will not be immediately effected above Tellicherry and the Merchants may from thence be induced to lower the prese[nt] [...] rate.

We observe your several Contracts for Pepper and the quantity You had remaing [*sic*] in Warehouse with the reasons why you only advanced to two of the Merchants. The Pepper Merchants have generally been in Arrears and formerly the Ballances due from them were more than what they now owe: we are apprehensive a too hasty demand might endanger the whole and denying them an advance might affect their Credit therefore while they perform their promises of delivering Pepper for what money you advance and withall lessen their old Ballances by Degrees it seems most adviseable to continue advancing them as customary but as you on the spot must be proper Judges of their circumstances and intentions of performing their Engagements we shall leave itt to you to act in this affair as you think most consistent with our Employers Interest.

We are pleased with the success that attended the assistance you afforded the Prince against Ockoos Rebellious Gang and that he was so sensible of itt as to make an acknowledgment. Our fortifying the mouth of Ramatilly River will not answer the Expence and therefore decline itt in a complaisant manner.

As the Disappointment of Cardamoms was not to be remedied (according to Cunhisieus representation of the matter) we must submit to itt, and you will use your endeavours that he clears off the amount of what had been advanced according to his Agreement.

The Samorine notwithstanding his former promises we find evades complying with the payment of his Debt in the manner stipulated we would therefore have some proper person again sent to him, but should it then prove fruitless and the Debt not be fixed in a Course of Payment you may refuse Cirtificates to the Calicut Vessels and consequently deferr rebuilding the Factory there.

Your several Indents shall as far as in our power be complied with when a proper Conveyance offers.

The Will of Arthur Julep although not executed according to the exactness required in such cases yet as the Effects bequeathed are but trifling and the want of Form (as you observe proceeded) from the Partys ignorance We have no objection to their being deliverd to the Executor the other Witnesses first making Oath before the Chief of the Testators executing the Will.

The Salamander Ketch losing her Passa[ge] to Gombroon [.....] have you demand from the Master our Packet to the Agent and Council which open and the inclosed one to the Honble Court of Directors forward by this Vessel to the President and Council att Madrass and the for Gombroon send thither by the first oppertunity that offers.

When the Europe Ships arrive we shall send you a Supply of Treasure and at the same time give you some directions with respect to the Convoys that will be appointed to secure the ships expected from the other Coast at present we propose one shall be at your Port early in Decr. and for such Ships as are not there to take the benefit of that convoy another will be sent to be with you in February, the time of their departure we shall leave to you according to the advices you receive of the Ships on the Coast and the time the others may be expected.

Let the inclosed Indents for the use of our Marine be complied with.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
EDWARD OWEN.
JOHN MUNRO.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 20TH. AUGUST 1743.
RECD. 2 SEPTR.
BRILLIANT.

No. 8 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

Wee was in great hopes to have seen the Gallivat before this especially as the Weather this way has proved ever since the beginning of this month so exceeding good, as all our Honble Masters Money is quite expended as well as what private we had is used for their service. We now send this express to desire your imediate assistance with some Treasure, should it suit your Conveniency we should be glad of twenty thousand Rupees instead of tenn as this Month we always make some advances towards our Pepper Merchants, but if you cant spare so much we rely on you for tenn thousand to defray our Expences &ca. with such Expedition as the Weather will permitt of being quite out and must wait for a further supply from our Superiors whom we fully advised of our necessitys in the Month of May.

We have now in our Warehouse here and at Eddova four hundred Candys of Pepper.

The 18 of July we were advised that two of our Honble Masters Ships were Arrived at Fort St. George who left England last February. We are

ANJENGO,
SEPTR. 1ST. 1743.
RECEIVED THE 10TH. Do.
℔ PATTAMAR.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

No. 9.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The 8 Instant the Tyger Gallevat imported with Your Letter of the 3d. with the inclosed packet from the Presidency who has been pleased to send us twenty thousand Rupees, 20000.

In Our last by Pattamar we inform'd you we had four hundred Candys Pepper in Warehouse which is all of this Comodity we have any hopes to gett before January but the beginning of next month, we will send you a Just Calculate of what Tonnage may be by us as by that time we hope to gett up what Cloth we have ready from the Southward, but we shall be disappointed in the quantity as our rupees are so exceeding low in exchange for fanams as well as Cotton Yarn greatly encreased in the price.

Wee now return the Tyger Gallevat to you but are apprehensive she will be tedious in getting up as the winds and Currant at this Season of the Year are against her.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servt.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

ANJENGO,
SEPTEMR. 11TH. 1743.
RECED THE 28TH. Do.
℔ TYGER GALLEVAT.

No. 10

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your severals of the 3d. and 7th. September: The first by the Brilliant which arrived the 17th. and the inclosed Packet for the Honble Court of Directors was forwarded by the Salisbury which sail'd the 27th.

The 22d. of August arrived here our Honble Master Ship the Heathcot, as did the Exeter the 29th. The first of these left Portsmouth the 16th. of April in Company with the Colchester for Benjir St. George for Bengall, and the Princess of Wales for Bombay. Our last Advices from the Bay tell us the safe arrival there of the Duke Princess Amelia Montfort Winchelsea and St. George. The three last

passed by without calling in here. The Winchester and Princess Louisa left England we believe about the middle of March: as we have not seen the Winchester here We shall be glad to hear she is safe arrived in the Bay.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
NIC: MORCE.
JOHN HINDE.
RANDALL FOWKE.
THOMAS EYRE.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOHN SAVAGE.

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOBER 5TH. 1743.
RECEIVED 31ST. FOLLOWING
℔ PATTAMAR.

No. 11.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

The 13th. Instant our pattamar returned with your Letter of the 1st. We now dispatch this Boat express to you with our Packet for the Honble President and Council of Bombay in hopes of meeting some Early conveyance to be forwarded, as itt is an account of the King of Trevancous [*sic*] prohibiting all his Merchants purchasing of Pepper and Directing all to be brought in to him in order to dispose of itt to the Dutch, us and other occasions, and which we wish our Superiors may receive Speedily as we might have their orders in due time.

We have now in Warehouse pepper and Cloth to the Amount of one hundred Tons and thirty Tons (130) which you may please to leave room for should a Ship be sent You to dispatch Home.

Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
THOMAS LANE.
MAY SCLATER.

ANJENGO,
OCTOBER 22D. 1743.
RECED THE 30TH. DITTO.
℔ TONEY.

No. 11 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

With this you will receive a packet of Letter that came this morning by Boat from Anjengo the people whereof the Linguist has advanced one Rupee to.

Mr. Croes informs me that he wants Iron for the use of the Factory as well as Nails of all sorts. The Iron that was here he has used and thinks for the present two Candys will be sufficient and of Nails fifty Pounds.

The Pepper Merchants were here last night and they Promise to deliver in what they owe by the 15 of Next month.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
W. WEST.

CALLICUT THE 28TH.
OCTR. 1743.
RECED THE 30TH. DO.
℔ TONEY.

No. 12

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Commands of the 31st. Ulto. I received the next afternoon with the Iron and Nails. The Timber for the Foundation of the Factory were laid today and Mr. Croes is in great hopes he shall now go on very fast with the work.

The Masons complain very much of the smallness of their allowance for Diet Rice being here at three Rupees and one Fanam ℔ Bale. I have consulted Mr. Croes and the Linguist about itt and they both think two Rupees and a half ℔ Man is little enough but may satisfy them when they built the Fort on Durmapatam they had a Bale of Rice and two Fanams Each. I told them I could do nothing in this affair of myself but would write to You about itt.

The Wax Candles last sent up were for Bombay.

CALLICUT
THE 3D. NOVR. 1743.
RECED THE 4TH. DITTO
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 12 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

This is to advice you that the Linguist here informs me that the Merchants indebted to the Honble Company on accot. of the Samorine will not be able to pay thier Debt till next Month: and is in want himself of the sum of four thousand Rups. for the carrying on of his Disbursments which he desires may be sent by the first Conveyance.

CALLICUT
THE 5TH. NOVR. 1743.
RECED THE 7TH. DITTO
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 13

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

The 23d. past we forwarded you by Boat express our Packet to the Honble President and Council of Bombay which we hope you have had an oppertunity before now of forwarding up to them enclosed is our Duplicate which we beg you will likewise forward.

This is by our Honble Masters Smack and a Munchua Captain Lawrence has hired to carry up himself and People to you in order to be in a Readiness for the Earliest Conveyance to Bombay.

About Six Days ago the French sent down here a Tony with Letters to any french Ship that they may meet with open &ca. ℔ticular one to a Ship of force Coming this way and to stay here a few days till they are past, they mention Angria to be to the Southward of Your Port and that they had Lodged a Command of 50 soldiers at Panany for their Ship to take in. We presume as we have not heard from you there can be no truth in itt, but only some other idle meaning in this report for we have examined the boat People who say they hear Angria is at Mangalore.

Please to order the Smack and Munchua to be returned as soon as possible.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

ANJENGO
THE 10TH. NOVR. 1743.
RECED THE 17TH. DITTO
℔ NEPTUNE SMACK.

Nº. 14.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

Tomorrow being the Day on which the Merchants promis'd to deliver the pepper they owe to the Honble Company I sent early for them this morning and they assure me they will deliver itt on Wednesday: therefore please to send a Conveyance to fetch itt up.

Enclosed is an Indent of Mr. Peter Croes for Iron and a Grindstone &ca. for the building of the new Factory as he says, he is in immdiat [*sic*] want of them, please to send them by the first Conveyance.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

CALLICUT
NOVR. 14TH. 1743.
RECED 16 FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

P.S. I have reced the 4000 Rups. but the money from the Merchants the Linguist tells me is not due till all this month.

W. WEST.

Nº 14 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

Since our last by the Brilliant we have reced yours of the 10th. of June.

The Warwick whose Charter party Tonnage is (498) Tons We now dispatch to You having put on board 476 Bales of Surat Goods as ℔ the enclosed Calculate of the Tonnage the remaining she is to receive on the Coast which we leave to You to put on board at your Settlement or order her to Callicut or Anjengo as you shall think most proper giving her as Quick a Dispatch as you can and so as no Demorage may be incurrd which Commences the 17th. of next Month.

The Stock of Pepper will not Afford any Considerable Quantity of Surplus Tonnage to be spard. however you mav if the Commr. requests it put on board to the Amount of Five Tons more than his Charter party Tonnage.

The Mountague Accompanys her to your Port to be returned in Company with such Ships as are ready to take the benifet [*sic*] of Convoy by the 20th. of December longer than which we would not willingly have her detaind except you have reason to expect the Speedy Arrival of some of the Country Shipping when in such case we Leave her dispatch to your Discretion.

They are orderd to call at Onore for Landing a Supply of Gold and Mr. Crommelin has permission to take what he further wants out of what is design'd for you of which he will give you the Necessary Advices.

On the Mountague we have Laden 280 Bales of Cotton design'd for part of her Cargoe to Bengall which is to be Landed and kept with you till she proceeds thither as we would have her a Clear Ship for Convoying the Ships down the Coast.

We enclose you such Paragraphs of the Honble Court of Directors their Commands receď this Season as Relate to your Factory to which you will shew due regard Also Copys of their Answer to a Letter from the French Company and Agreeable to their directions you must send Annually home a few Hogsheads of Beepore Arrack.

In our last we observ'd the ill Effect Purchasing att Callicut had on the price att Tellicherry and therefore recommended not to purchase there if Possible to be avoided We shall be Glad to receive advice how you have proceeded in that matter of which you must also particularly accquaint the Honble Company.

Your several Indents are as nearly Complied with as Our Stock will admit Except the Article of Country Gun Powder which will be sent you from Anjengo as they have a large Quantity which is not requird for the Service itt was Indented.

You must permit M^{r}. Ainsworth your Gunner to come up hither by the first Conveyance and in his place we have sent you M^{r}. Charles Garden who is paid to the End of Last Month.

Let the enclosed Indent be Complied with.

From the Good Character you give of M^{r}. William Worrell we enclose you the presidents Commission appointing him an Ensign.

Should the Warwick not be sent to Anjengo you are to receive the Treasure and Stores design'd for that place according to the enclosed Invoice and forward them by some other Conveyance tho if the Comm^{r}. intends to touch there and will Land them without any Demands for his Owners they may be continued on board.

M^{r}. Bouchier who is appointed by our Honble Masters Chief att Anjengo has intimated in a Private Letter to the President his design in coming up hither but as no such License is given by them therefore shoud he Arrive at your Place we woud have him return to Anjengo.

The Person detain'd for being concernd in the murder Committed att Durmapatam you may send hither on the Mountague.

You will perceive by the 95th. Parag^{h}. of the Honble Companys Commands by the Warwick there was a mistake of Six hundred Rup^{s}. (600) between the Certificates given the late Captain Robert Jenkins on the 3^{d}. March 1739 And the Sum Specified in the General Letter home and Books of Accounts which from some Circumstances recollected here by M^{r}. Broughton there must have arose from M^{r}. William Jeynson his paying to Cap^{t}. Jenkins his Order Six hundred Rupees (600) Instead of Paying itt into the Treasury which Mistake he might easily have prevented as he was accomptant Signed the Letter and Certificates and Books of Accounts Examine this affair and receive the Amount of the Chief into the Treasury with 9 ℔ C^{t}. Interest thereon till the day of Payment and upon your Advice hither M^{r}. Geekie shall be repaid as the Estate of Captain Jenkins is under the care of the President Advise the Honble Company of the payment as Likewise of any Necessary Circumstances relating thereto and be particular in respect to the Investment and other their Affairs which we cannot for want of Later Advices from you than those Abovementioned Also Accquaint our Honble Masters with such Advices as you may receive from M^{r}. Charles Crommelin.

A Commission and its Duplicate having been Issued out of Chancery for the examination of Witnesses in a cause wherein the Heirs of S^{r}. Robert Cowan are Plaintiffs and the Honble Company and M^{r}. Henry Lowther Defendants directed to your Settlement in case there should happen to be any person who can speak of the matters in Dispute. The said Commissions are deliverd to Captain Misenor from whom you will receive them.

If Captain Misenor offers to pay any Money into your Cash you may receive itt giving him Certificates for the amount.

As we have not a Standing Mast in Store for our Vessells shoud they meet with any Accident let as many of those that are lying at your place as the Mountague can take in be put on board as also the Timber &c^{a}. for Gombroon but so as not to Lumber her.

If the Warwick is dispatched by you for Great Brittain call upon the Commr. for a Manifest of all Private trade he has on Board transmitting the same to the Honble Company or if she proceeds to Anjengo let the Chief and Factors be Accquainted herewith that they may Execute what above directed.

BOMBAY CASTLE
NOVR. 19TH. 1743.

RECED DECR. 6.
℔ WARWICK & MOUNTAGUE.

P.S. You must remember to send the Honble Company your Diary Books of Accots. and all other requisite papers by this Ship.

We are.
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
THOMAS MARSH.
HUGH HOWARD.
EDWARD OWEN.
JOHN MUNRO.

NO. 18 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLR.

SIR AND SIRS

This I dispatch ℔ Toney express to accquaint you that Yesterday Night Mangat Acham the Samorines Head Minister sent to ours and the French and Portugueze Linguists to attend him this morning which accordingly they did when he told them that he had an order from his King to accquint them that from the 1st. of this present month a Duty would be laid upon Timber planks cables and Cordage that might be exported out of Callicut by the above Companys as they were formerly wont to do tho have not since the erecting of Tellicherry Fort: the materials for which Mr. Adams had a grant should be custom free: and no others wherefore itt is time now itt shoud be collected as the French and Portugueze made a handle of this Grant to the English and have paid nothing neither — an easy Compliance herewith may make the Samorine lay a large Duty on these Articles as well as hereafter to make you pay Customs on Chunam Firewood and Bamboos. A Toney is gone express to Mahie to advice the French of this affair to which I must desire your speedy Answer as Mangat Acham waits for it and the French.

Herewith you have Invoice of the pepper that was in Warehouse and outstanding here amotg. to Rupees 7297. 3. 5 and I have laden itt all on the Dolphin Munchua as She had room enough for itt. She Likewise has on board of her 70 Corge of Matts and ten maunds of Ghee as ℔ List enclosed.

Some few days ago itt was reported that Angrias Fleet where [*sic*] seen at Anchor in 18 Fatham in the offing but having since heard nothing of them I imagine itt was a false Report.

Mr. Croes desires you will be pleased to Comply with the enclosed Indent for the service of the new Factory.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servt.
WILLIAM WEST.

CALLICUT
NOVR. 22D. 1743.

RECED THE 23 DO.
℔ TONEY.

N°. 19.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICH^Y.

SIR AND SIRS

I have reced your order of the 24^th. Ins^t. by the former I did not apprehend I was to repair to Tellicherry till the Arrack was to be Shipped off and to bring a Cooper to see the cask was in good condition also to prove itt at the same time.

In July last I Contracted with a man of Goa for six Soudas of Double disstilld Goa Arrack which I have not heard to this day and was to have been deliverd here in September last As to the Arrack I spoke of in August last was thus. I had att that time Arrack enough to have made up my whole contract in the rains June and July I drew my Arrack 4 times over in order to make that of twice D°. up to the muster sent me, the Months of Aug^t. and September prooving dry our Toddy fell of at once that I could not fill one still in ten days. and continues so at this time I have money at Parpangada also at Tannore to purchase Toddy but every where has the same complaint of this I have vouchers the rains in October and this month have taken no Effect of the Trees yet. in Dec^r. and Jañry we Expect an encrease if I had got the quantity of Goa Arrak or my own as the other Years I have had at this time I could have sent up my Contract at once.

The 40 Hhd^s. of Arrack I have sent up pays that 1000 Rup^s. I received in August by which I Loose near the same sum by not having Arrack of quallity to incorporate the 1000 Rup^s. advanced in May if required in one month I am ready to pay principall and Interest.

Gentlemen I hope itt will be consider'd that itt is not to my Interest to be att the expence and risque to send to all Parts to buy Arrack or Toddy if I could get it at home nor woud I take the trouble if I was not desirous of Performing my contract which I hope to do before the Febry Ships go up, in the mean time I will be industrious to get what Arrack I can to Tellicherry against the first conveyance and when itt is to be Shipp^d. of will be there myself. I Expect some Soudas quickly down from the North if I shoud go to Tellicherry before the Arrack is ready to go I shall be wanted at home.

BEEPORE
NOV^R. 25^TH. 1743.
RECED THE 27^TH. D°.
℔ TONEY.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient Humble Servant
GEORGE JENKINSON.

N°. 20

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELL^Y.

SIR AND SIRS

This day noon arrived Ships Warwick and Mountague from Bombay on the former I have Laden Eighteen maunds twelve pounds of Onore Pepper to be charged

	mds.	℔.
as follows viz. Pepper 18.	12.	at 100 Rup^s. ℔ Candy. 92. 1. 22. Deficient
in weight 14 ℔. at ditto 02.	2.	78.

Captain Misenor has kept four empty Pepper bags for which you will please to receive of him two Rup^s.

I have no prospect of Procurring more than one hundred Candies of Pepper between this and the Month of April, tho as itt is uncertain what effect the new Crop may have upon the price I cannot even of this advise with any Certainty.

By the Last advices from Carwar the price of Pepper was there Forty Sonaree Pagodas ℔ Candy exclusive of two and an half Pagodas charges which being so very high gives me no hopes of Procuring any from thence.

The Treasure received from the Honble the President and Council being sufficient for Purchasing such Pepper as I have a prospect of procuring. I have not therefore taken any of the Treasure design'd for your Settlement.

Enclosed is a bill of Lading for the Pepper Laden on the Somersett.

ONORE
THE 28TH. NOVR. 1743.
RECED DECR. 6TH.
℔ MOUNTAGUE.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servt.
CHARLES CROMMELIN.

No. 21

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

Last night arriv'd the Samorines answer to the Chiefs Letter which I now forward express by this Toney as the Linguist tells it requires an immediat [*sic*] Answer because the Custom Masters here may hinder the exporting of the plank and cordge. for Bombay unless they have an order from the King of the contray [*sic*].

The Colours being wore out please to order new ones for this Factory.

At close of the Evening a large Ship was seen to the So.ward from the flagstaff should itt prove the Ship expected from Europe. I will send you instant Notice.

CALLICUT
DECR. 6TH. 1743.
RECED THE 7TH. DITTO.
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servt.
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 21 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR & SIRS

Our Boat return'd the 11th. Instant with your Letter of the 6th. enclosing the Invoice sent us by the Honble the President and Council of Bombay.

We observe your Intentions of sending the Warwick here to fill up which we shall do with the utmost Expedition and should the Commander apply for surplus of Tonnage we shall grant itt to the Amount of five Tons you write is permited from the Presidency on the usual conditions.

Should any Ships come in here bound up the coast we shall acquaint them of the Commodores being so low as Cochin and of the time you propose of Dispatching him from Tellicherry.

Wee have receed the Paragraph Concerning Mr. Bouchier who shall on his coming be accquainted there with your Factory shall have its due Credit of 31. . . . . 91 for Provisions &ca. Supplyd the Bollon & Soldier while she was detain'd to Bring the Govr. and Councils Advices and likewise nine fanams supplyd our smack with Ballast when last up with you.

Rs.

This is by the Smack to Cochin in hopes of meeting the Mountague there which if she does she is to deliver our Packet for the Honble the President and Council to the Commr. and so return again to us should the Ship have left Cochin she will than [*sic*] proceed to you and deliver itt which you will please to forward and return the Smack to us.

ANJENGO
DECR. 13. 1743
RECED 18 FOLLOWING
℔ PATTAMAR.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
THOMAS LANE.
MAY SCLATER.

N°. 22

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

This morning I receed your Letter of yesterday date with the Packet for the Agent and Council of Gombroon whch [*sic*] to morrow I shall forward to Cochin, as the Gentlemen of the Shiping inform me that no Ship bound for Persia will come any higher than Cochin the Mountague I hear was to leave Cochin as last night so that she may be expected to arrive att Baypore by tomorrow morning when I shall go thither and am

CALLICUT
DECR. 16TH. 1743.
RECD. THE 17. DITTO.
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 23

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

On the 11th. Instant I arrived at Cochin and by the 15th. receed four hundred and ten Candys of Pepper from Ezekiel Raby which I paid him for att ninety five Rupees ℔ Candy as ℔ his Account Current enclosed and then endeavour'd to prevail with him to enter into another agreement conformable to your Instructions to me but he gave me for Answer that they were daily in expectation of a Ships Arrival from Batavia, which might Occasion many alterations, and probably prevent his Complying with his engagement should he enter into one with us however he promised that If I would Leave the Ballance of Rupees One thousand and fifty in his hands and you pay the Ballance of an Account between him and Domingoes Rodregues he will use his utmost endeavours to deliver us pepper for itt, at the same time giving me his assurances, that what further quantity he was able to provide we might depend he would give us the refusal of and by all Conveyances advise the Chief both of the price and quantity.

I arrived at Beepore the 17th. Instant when Mr. Jenkinson tender'd twelve sixty Gallon Casks of Arrack which being approved of by Mr. West myself and Capt Freeman we shipd itt on board the Mountague and enclosed is Bill of Lading for the same.

I left Callicut the 21st. having receed from Mr. West what Plank Masts &ca. Captain Freeman could take on board without incumbring his Ship a List of which I herewith deliver you with a bill of Lading for the Pepper.

TELLICHERRY
THE 23D. OF DECR. 1743.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
THOMAS BYFELD.

N°. 24

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

SIR AND SIRS

This comes by our Honble Masters Ship St. George Captain Robert Robinson Commander which Ship is Laden with a Gruff Cargo and Frieght in order to proceed to Bombay and Surat. We have directed Captain Robinson to call in at your Port and to proceed from thence with what Convoy may be ready there or as you shall direct.

We hope to dispatch the Winchelsea within this month for Surat with Freight and a Gruff Cargo who will likewise call at your Port in her way up.

FORT WILLIAM.
THE 3D. JANUARY 1743/4.
RECED THE 15 FEBRY.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

℔ ST. GEORGE.

THOMAS BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.
WILLIAM BROOKE.
JOHN JACKESON [*sic*].

N°. 25

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

SIR AND SIRS

Since Our last we have receˉd yours of the 14th. of November.

We now dispatch the Princess of Wales having put on board what goods were in readiness here as you will perceive by the enclosed Calculate of the Tonnage laden here and the remainder which is to be made up by you.

This Ships Demorage you are to observe commences on the 2d. of next month and as you Cannot have pepper by that time to Compleat her Charter Party Tonnage this very Disagreeable expence must unavoidably ensue but as the Princess Louisa must be a late Ship and you are likely to have such a large quantity of Pepper we would have you give her what you think you can spare upon the low frieght, in which be as expeditious as possible, as every day will be a charge to the Company

£ s. d.
of 18. 2. 3 which when done give the Commander his final Dispatches.

In Company with this ship we send the Bombay Grab on whom we have Laden 200000 Rupees equally divided as you will perceive by the Invoice and Bills of Lading Enclosed.

As you will have some of the Hoñble Companys Ships with you keep the Grab so as she may be of service to them in their Passage up the Coast and likewise to the Country Ships and Vessels but as you will be best able to Judge from what Ships are expected how she may most properly and Beneficialy be employed we do not limet [*sic*] you to any Certain time for her dispatch but leave it to your Descretion with this Caution that in Case some Ships of good force do not come up with her order the Comr. to put off with those under his Convoy.

We are extreemly glad to find by your advices the Crop of Pepper is like to prove so plentyful and with the agreements made with the French to fix a price, you hope to reduce the Exorbitant one which you were obliged to give last year. We doubt not but you will take all proper measures in the provision of that Article as it is of such great emportance [*sic*] to the Honble Company.

We observe your having obtained new Olas from the Samorine for his debt which is now put in a Course of Payment and that you had thereupon begun Rebuilding the Factory at Callicut which we approve of and have only to recommend that the greatest care be had in the performance of the work and frugality in the Expence in which good looking after and workmen is the main point.

Agreeable to your request for another assistant we now send you Mr. William De La Garde Writer he has receˉd his Salary to the 2d. Instant and Diet money to the last of this month. We also permitt Mr. Thomas Benton to remain at your Place.

When you Consider the state of your revenue you will find they Cannot admitt of an Allowance of thirty Rupees a month for only collecting the small sum that arrives.

If Captain Harry requests to pay any money into your Cash you may receive the same giving him Certificates for the Amount.

You must Remember to call upon Capt. Harry for a manifest of what Private Trade he has on board as he has deliverd none at this place choosing to give an Exact Acco^{t}. at your Settlement which must be sent to the Honble Company in your packet by this Ship.

We leave to your Descretion whether to detain the Surplus Tonnage which you will be guided in by the time of the season that her passage is not endangered.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 23D. JANRY 1743/4.
RECD FEBRY 1ST. 1743/4.
℔ PRINCESS OF WALES.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
THOMAS MARSH.
HUGH HOWARD.
EDWARD OWEN.
JOHN MUNRO.

N°. 27 [*sic*]

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

We now enclose a Packett to the Honble President and Council of Bombay which we desire you'll Please to forward by the earliest Conveyance.

This boat now brings you forty four Gunny bags which we receed from Captain Robert Misenor and we are now to inform you that by the 15th. Inst^{t}. we shall have in Warehouse three hundred Candys of Pepper.

As we have hitherto mett with no Conveyance to send up the Ninety barrells of Country Powder orderd by our superiors which is in readyness or are we likely to have an Opportunity this Season we Judge it woud be proper if you can spare the Tyger Gallivat to send her for it and we could freight a Small Munchua to carry it up under her Convoy if not proper to lade it on her.

ANJENGO
FEBRY 4TH. 1743/4.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

RECED 11TH. FOLLOWING
℔ MUNCHUA.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

N°. 28.

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS

In answer to your Request of Yesterday am sorry to Inform you that we Cannot receive any more Pepper than what is already on board the Ship Princess of Wales.

I am with due Respect.
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant

TELLICHERRY
FEBRY 11TH. 1743/4.

THOMAS HARRY.

N°. 28 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

This Evening imported our Honble Masters Ship S^t^. George Captain Robinson Comm^r^. but I do not hear that M^r^. Whitehill is on board or that he touched at Anjengo. The Ship wanting necessarys I am inform'd will stay a day or two here.

CALLICUT
FEBRY 11^TH^. 1743/4.
RECED THE 12 FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 28 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Whereas I have now deliverd in part of my contract for Arrack for the presidency of Bombay 124 Hhds and 20 Gallons. I beg leave to be excused for the future to fulfill it as it is an impossibility for me to perform it this Season. Your compliance with this request will much oblige and serve.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRY. 16^TH^. 1743/4.

GENTLEMEN
You[r] Humble Servant
GEORGE JENKINSON.

N°. 29

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICH^Y^.

SIR AND SIRS,

The S^t^. George being as full and deep as it would be proper for her to be to proceed along this Coast to Bombay I must refuse the Masts your Worship has order'd aboard me least I make the Ship less defenceble in case of an Attack from Angria or any other Enemy.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRY 17^TH^. 1743/4.

I am
Your most Humble Servant
ROBERT ROBINSON.

N°. 29 [*sic*].

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

This Evening our Linguist came to inform me that the Portugueze having some differences with the Samorine which were not likely at present to be accommodated. the former with their Frigate and Grab it is reported will set fire to the Town, or at least carry away with them a Ship and Grab (belonging to some Merchants here) already loaden and bound to Mocha, in either of which case he says, the Moors will turn their Arms upon all Christians without Distinction in the place whereof I dispatch this Toney express to advice you thereof and to desire you will be pleased immediately to send a party of Soldiers to the Number of thirty or forty more than what is already here to the protection of the Honble Companys Factory and they shall be returned to you upon the Frigats departure which will be in Eight or Ten days.

Yesterday Noon imported the French Ship Fleury from a Cruize and the Phazesalam Mr. Williamson from Bengall and this saild again in the night in hopes of overtaking the Fleet bound to the Northward.

CALLICUT
FEBRY 20TH. 1743/4.
RECED THE 22D. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 30

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The Troubles hourly encrease most of the Christians with their Familys and Effects have left the place and the padre Vigano has this Evening been with me to desire protection assuring me that on Thursday morning the portugueze with their Frigate and Grab will commence Hostilitys. The Governmt. on its part has set a Guard all along the sea Shore to prevent the Christians from making their Escape by Water.

The French have order'd all their Soldiers and Officers on board the Fleury to be landed and I hope before this reaches you that the Soldiers I wrote for will arrive: as I have been informd some Moors have declared their Design to take advantage of these Commotions to revenge themselves on the English.

CALLICUT
FEBRY 21ST. 1743/4.
RECD 22D. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 30 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

I take this Oppertunity to acquaint you that on the 24th. Ultimo I contracted with a Merchant for one hundred Candies of Pepper to be deliver'd in two months, at Twenty seven Eckree Pagodas or Rupees Ninety six and Two Decimals ℔ Candy of five hundred and twenty pounds free of all charges except Bags and to be embarked by us before the rainy season sets in.

I have now ten Candies Which I expected to have laden on board the Princess of Wales but as this Ship is passed by this port I shall keep it till I receive orders from the Presidency about it.

As a Conveyance seldom offers from this place to Bombay I beg you will please to advise the Honble the President and Council of this my Contract by any oppertunity from your Settlement.

I am with great Respect
SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
CHARLES CROMMELIN.

ONORE,
FEBRY 6TH. 1743/4.
RECD ℔ BOAT 24TH. DO.

No. 31

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The foregoing is duplicate of my last.

The Mountagu not stopping at this port it was not till yesterday that I recd your Commands of the 28th. of December which was forwarded hither from Goa.

I am with due Respect.

ONORE,
FEBRY 10TH. 1743/4.
RECED 24TH. FOLLOWING
℔ SHYBAR.

SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
CHARLES CROMMELIN.

No. 31 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

This Morning about seven o' Clock arrived Engin [*sic*] Worrall with the party of Men you were pleased to send to the protection of the Honble Companys Factory here and by him I recd your Commands of Yesterdays date.

About Noon as you will perceive by the accompanying letter I wrote the Capt. of the Portugueze Frigat some of the Samorines Ministers came to our Factory to desire that I would write to him to suspend his Hostilities till tomorrow night as by that time they believed they should hear from their King and possibly in a favourable manner in regard to the portugueze but if not they of themselves would endeavour to pacify them. I accordingly complyd with their request but before the Toney could get on board the Frigat Grab and another small Vessel begun to fire on the Town. However so soon as the Capt. of the Frigat received my Letter he made a sign to the other Vessells to leave of firing and sent me the Enclosed letter in answer to mine which as soon as I had read I advised the Samorines Ministers of the purport and desired they would give orders on their part that no body should fire from the shore: so that between four and five this afternoon the Cessation begun. That the Samorines Ministers will prove ingratefull I make no doubt of they having made prisoners of the Toney people that carried my letter at their request: They pretend that the French and English spur on the portugueze and perhap[s] by and by will espouse their part and this notion they have and do Continue to propagate wherever they go. To morrow they are to meet again and give me their answer which I am to send to the Capt. of the Frigat which is all that I have at present to advise you of excepting which I had almost forgot to acquaint you that a Ship came to an anchor this evening off of Baypore.

I am

CALLICUT
FEBRY 23D. 1743/4.
RECD THE 26TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 32

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The foregoing I entended to have sent you the Time that I wrote it: but the Government people would not suffer any Toney to be put into the Water and it was with the Greatest Difficulty that Leave was yesterday given for the Linguists wife and Family to retire to Tellicherry.

Last night by my appointment the Samorine Minesters met me at the French Factory but nothing could be done with them in behalf of the portuguez whom I find they are determine[d] shall pay or give security for the Customs before they will grant it to be shipt of. However we are to have another meeting there this morning which I believe will be to as little purpose as that of last nights the Portugueze the day before yesterday by all their firing from their Frigat and other Vessels having done not the least Damage to the Town or Vessels in the road which has so much animated the Country people that they bid defiance to all Europeans.

As we can get none of these Country Toneys for any use whatever: please to send three or four from Tellicherry to be ready upon all occasions for should the Government continue to Molest the Company in their Affairs the withdrawing of their Servants (who having not power enough to defend their Right) for the present may make the Samorine and his Ministry sensible of their ill Treatment of a Company that never gave him the least cause of Complaint: and invite it to resettle at Callicut upon a better and more secure footing than heretofore. I mean not that the English should steal away or fly from the place no: a memorial should first be presented to the Samorine setting forth that they quit not their pretensions to the Factory, but his undeservedly ill Usage of denying of them now the Exercise of their Commerce here oblige them to return to Tellicherry.

The Ship that was at anchor off of Baypore the other night is a Surat Moor Ship but from whence she came I cannot tell a French Ship is now coming in, and to the southward of Baypore a large Ship has just now dropt her Anchor the wind being far to the Northward and against her.

CALLICUT
FEBRY 25TH. 1743/4.
RECED 26TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 33

TO CAPT. FRANCISCO XAVIER
COMMR. OF THE FRIGAT NOSSA SRAPENHA DE FRANCO.

SIR

About noon the Minesters of the Samorine came to the Factory of the Honble English East India Company to beg of me to intercede with you for the Forbearance of Hostility against this port and the Vessels in the road till to morrow night before which time they hope to have an answer from their King or otherwise concert such measures that might give you intire Satisfaction.

As the Time is short which they ask and your complying therewith will both shew how loath You are to break with the Samorine and the reasonableness of your cause. I entreat you will grant them their request which will greatly oblige

CALLICUT
FEBRY 23D. 1743/4.
RECD 26TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

SIR
Your most Humble Servant
W. WEST.

No. 34

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

SIR AND SIRS,

Yesterday Evening the Samorines Minesters having sent to me for that purpose I met them again at the French Factory where after some time spent the Differences between the Portuguese and the Former were happyly concluded: the padre Factor having obliged himself to pay the Customs on what Timber the Frigat shall now take in and give passes to such Vessels as belong to the Subjects of the Samorine who on his part is immediately what he may be in Arrears to the said padre, and this day the Timber was sent on board and passes issued out to the Ship and Grab bound to Mocha.

There being no Inpediment [*sic*] now to the Companys Affairs or any Fears from the Moors I shall return the party of Men you were pleased to send down to the protection of the Factory as soon as you shall send any Conveyances for them there being none but Toneys to be got here.

CALLICUT
FEBRY 26TH. 1743/4.
RECED 27TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

Nº. 34 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The Tyger Gallivat the 17th. Instant in the Evening brought us your Letter of the 11th. and we now return her in Company with the Neptune Smack on board the latter we have laded ninety Barrels of Bombay Cannon Powder Amounting to Gallian fanams ten thousand and twenty six (10026) or one thousand six hundred and seventy one Rupees. (1671) according to the accompanying Invoice the Master of the Galevat has Orders to tow her if she requests it and to permit the Smacks people to dress their Victuals on board her, as the smack is not allowed to have any fire on board. We would have dispatch'd them sooner but our Surff has been so high we could not Ship off the Powder.

The 18th. Instant the Princess of the Wales saild thro the road for Great Britain. We are in great want of a dozen Bundles of Rattans for refitting our Powder Barrels. please to send us that quantity by the return of the Smack.

ANJENGO
FEBRY 20TH. 1743/4.
RECED 2D. MARCH
℔ TYGER GALLIVAT.

We are
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
"
MAY SCLATER.

Nº. 35

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS,

This Instant I received your Commands of the 4th. by Tyger Galivat.

I shall duly observe your Orders in sending such Surplus Treasure as I may have after purchasing what rice I may be able to procure as yet I have embarked only four thousand five hundred bales occasioned by empediments that I have meet with from the portugueze: but as they this night are to settle with the Merchants the price they are to give for what they buy for their Armada. I am given to understand that tomorrow I shall be permitted to carry on our Buissness without any further molestation.

I have Protested against the Portugueze Factore for prohibeting our Rice to be carryed on board Ship nevertheless they are daily offering us little insults.

MANGALOR
1743/4.
THE 7TH. OF MARCH.
RECD THE 9TH. FOLLOWING
℔ MUNCHUA.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
CHARLES CROMMELIN.

N°. 36

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The Hoñble Companys Ship Winchelsea arrived here this afternoon with Mr. Whitehill on board of her and will sail for Tellicherry tomorrow night which I send this Toney Express to advise you of

CALLICUT
MARCH 11TH. 1743/4.
RECD 12TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

and am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 37

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY.

SIR AND SIRS,

The limited stay of Ships Mountague and Poultney at this port being this day and having loaded on the latter what Rice I coud possibly procure being 10795 Robins those Ships will sail this Evening for Onore and from thence to Bombay.

The Surplus of Treasure agreeable to your orders I have laden on the Tyger Galivat amounting to Rups. Thirty six thousand two hundred as follows

1 Chest N°. 2 containing	6200
3 Chests Nos. 4. 5. 6 ea contg. 1000	30000
4 Chests ... ... containing Rups.	36200

I now enclose the following Bills payable to you which as it is saving the risque I hope will meet with your approval.

1 on Mr. Thomas Moore for Rups. seven hundred and fifty paid here to Capt William Elliot Waggaman.

1 On Mr. Thomas Byfeld for Rups. Two hundred paid here to Capt. Feilder Freeman.

1 On Mr. John Robinson for Rups. sixty paid here to Mr. Thomas Inglish.

The amount of all which is Rups. one thousand and ten.

The Custom master of the duty called Adalamy Demanded one Pagoda ℔ Corge on the Rice but as I judged from your Articles of agreement with these people (which the Chief was pleased to send to me) that the Hoñble Company were to pay only half a Pagoda ℔ Corge for that Duty I Positively refused to give any more and the Custom master refusing what I offered I have left the money amounting at the rate of half a Pagoda ℔ Corge to Pagodas one hundred twenty Eight and a half in the hands of Lucas Rodregues to be paid the Custom master in case agrees to accept itt but should he insist on one Pagoda ℔ Corge Lucas is to wait your orders and I beg leave to request that if I have in this respect acted wrong that you will please to adjust the affair in such a manner as you think proper for the orders I have reced from the Presidency will not permitt of my detaining the Ships to bring itt to a decision.

Enclosed are Lucass receipt for the Pagodas and Capt. Richards Bill of Lading for the Treasure.

MANGALORE
MARCH 12TH. 1743/4.
RECED 15TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TYGER GALLIVAT.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
CHARLES CROMMELIN.

N°. 37 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHY.

SIR AND SIRS

This comes by our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea Captain Christopher Baron Commander which Ship is Consigned to Surat and we directed the Captain of her to call at your Port and proceed from thence with what Convoy may be ready or as you shall Direct.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 28TH. JANUARY 1743/4.
RECD THE 17 OF MARCH
℔ WINCHELSEA.

We are
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
JOHN HOWSON.
WILLIAM BROOKE
JOHN JACKSON.

N°. 38

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLY

SIR & SIRS,

Your commands of the 3d. and 5th. are come to hand: and this morning I dispatched by two Nairs the Chiefs Letter to the Samorine as well as sent that to his first Minester by our Linguist to whom on the occasion he gave a favourable Reception and answer telling him that he thought the Insolences of the Moors should out of hand be chastised and that he would this night send said Letter with an ola to the Samorine intimating as much: and farther said that the Chief must immediately write a letter on this Subject to the Governour of this place proticar Maqui Quilicar and Toreil Achamar jointly which is the Occasion of my forwarding this Express to advice you thereof.

The Linguist says that Timber has been so scarce this Year that he has not been Yet able and shall not be before the rains to provide what may be proper to make the 18 Gun carriages You indented for in December last as for the Poon Masts and the purchasing of Coir for Cordage. I have orderd the Linguist to secure what may be wanted of either.

Swamy Putterah informs me that the Samorine will actually discharge his first ola for Fifty thousand Fanams in all this month and is now collecting of money for that purpose.

CALLICUT
APRIL 6TH. 1744.
RECD THE 8TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 39

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

A Toney going from hence to Telly. this night gives me an Oppertunity of Acknowledging the Receipt of your letter of the 8th. enclosing one from the Chief to the Governour of this place which I immediatly sent to him.

Mr Croes this Evening informing me that the new Factory excepting the Oyester shell Windows will be finished by the 20th. of this month. I desire if you have no present Commands for me here that you will be pleased to give me leave to return then to Tellv.

CALLICUT
APRIL 13TH. 1744.
RECD THE 15TH. FOLLOWING
℔ Toney.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

No. 39 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

We now dispatch the Ship Success Galley to the Honble the President and Council at Bombay and have directed the Captain of her to call at your Port and to follow all such directions as you may give him for his Proceeding thither. We wish her safe to you and are

SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BRADDYLE.
HENRY COLE.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
JOHN HALSEY.
WILLIAM BROOKE.
JOHN JACKSON.
THOMAS FEAKE.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 12TH. OF FEBRY 1743/4.
RECD APRIL THE 20TH. 1744.
℔ SUCCESS GALLEY.

No. 40

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLV.

SIR AND SIRS

Last night I received your Commands of the 16th. and herewith I send you an Ola from the Samorine in answer to the Chiefs last letter to him.

The Samorine having order'd Swamy Putterah to pay the Honble Company the sum of six thousand fanams in part of his first Ola. he yesterday desired as he was to sett out early this morning that it might be transferd to Mangat Acham the Samorines first Minester who agreeing thereto and the Linguist telling me that he should certainly pay it the next month I also consented to itt as for the remaining sum of forty four thousand I have not yet heard in what manner it is to be discharged tho I am well informed orders will come about it.

I have kept open this Letter ever since five o Clock when I sent off a Toney to two Ships that appeared in the offing and standing to the Northwd. but the wind being far northerly they were obliged to come to an Anchor. The headmost has English Colours and a large pendt. and seems designd for the northward which I take to be the hardwick especially as she has this moment fired a Gun which I desird the Commr. would do if it was her the Southermost Ship has no pendt. but her colours I could not destinguish.

CALLICUT
APRIL 18TH. 1744.
RECD 20TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 41

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

A little after three this morning the Toney that I sent to the Ship in the offing last night returned and brought me a Letter from the Commr. whose name is John Blachford and the Ships the Success Galley belonging to the Honble Company and come last from Bengall. Captain Edward dunster he writes dyed on the 23d. of February last at Injalee. The Ship to the Southward is a French Ship called the Fortine she left it seems Myhie two months ago bound to surat off of where meeting with Angrias Fleet she put of to sea and stood to the Southward she is coming in here to take provision and then proceed to pondicherry.

CALLICUT
APRIL 19TH. 1744.
RECD THE 20 FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 42

OUR CHIEF AND COUNCIL
AT TELLICHERRY.

1. We send this by our Ship Hardwicke Captain John Hallett Commander bound to Bombay and China.

2. The Commander is ordered to call first at your Place to land twenty five Chests of Treasure that the risque up the Coast may be avoided and fifty Bales of long Ells to prevent the Moth getting into them for which you must give him a Receipt and on her coming down the Coast the said long Ells must be Reshipt on board.

3. In case this Ship should not be able [to] reach Bombay and the Supra Cargoes Messieurs Hide Hadly and Pinnell should judge proper to land at your place any of the Cargo designd for Bombay You must take Charge of and give receipts for the same Advising the president and Council thereof by the first Oppertunity and forwarding the Goods to them by all proper Conveyances as they are designed for that Market.

4. You are in that Case to open the Packet for Bombay in the Supra Cargoes presence and have Recourse to the Invoice Bill of Loading and other Papers for your mutual Guidance but our said Packet must afterwards be forwarded to Bombay by the first proper oppertunity: and in that case

5. You must put on board this Ship what Pepper can be spared after reserving sufficient for the Loading of Our other Ships and in case no Country Ship goes from Bombay to China some Sandall wood if any is on hand with any other Article proper for Canton Market Consigning the same upon Our Account to the Supra Cargoes.

6. We are informd that some Foreign Ships are coming out with a design to Procure a Load in Pepper on your Coast. We doubt not of your Buying all the Pepper Procurable at our Settlements but We recommend it to you to Purchase what you

can on all other Parts of the Coast either for Us or Your own Country Trade that so they may be discouraged from Attempting that Trade in future.

LONDON . We are

JUNE THE 8TH. 1744. Your Loving Friends

RECD ARPIL 28TH. 1744. HENRY GOUGH.

℔ HARDWICKE. SAMUEL FEAKE.
WILLIAM MABBOTT.
WILLIAM BAKER.
MICHL. IMPEY.
RICHARD BURTON.
JOHN WINTER.
HICHCOTT TURNER.
WILLIAM GOSSELIN.
WILLIAM RIDER.
JOHN STEEL.
D. BRADDYLE.
RICHARD BOTTLE [*sic.*].
RICHARD DRAKE.
JOHN EMMERSON.
JOHN PAYNE.
RICHD. CHEUENCY [*sic.*].

No. 46 [*sic*]

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

We received your Letters of the 28th. of December 29th. January 17th. and 29th. of February 4th. and 7th. of March but the Bombay Grab had a tedious Passage not arriving here till the 4th. Instant.

The Mountague and Pultney returned from Mangalore the 30th. Ultimo but did not bring above half the Quantity of Rice ordered as it was not procurable within the time necessary limited for their Stay. The Former now proceeds to your Port and on her we have laden such stores as could be spared in part of your Indents as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Laden Enclosed she will also call at Onore for receiving what peper Mr. Crommelin has provided which will be consigned to you, and he with Mr. Cox have our permission to proceed on her to your place.

We have Laden on the Mountague two hundred and twenty Bales of Cotton and in case you are assured of having an overplus of Pepper after Loading six hundred Candys upon the Hardwicke and reserving three thousand Candies for the next Years Shipping, We would have you send it to the Bay on the Mountague in lieu of the two hundred and Eighty Bales of Cotton formerly lodged with you or such a Quantity as you can spare reserving a proportional part of the Cotton if it cannot be taken in advising the President and Council of Fort William accordingly to whom you are to Consign the Ship.

The Hardwicke Captain John Hallet Messrs. Hide Hadly and Pinnell Supra Cargoes arrived here from England the 31st. Ulto. And agreeable to the Honble Companys orders is to proceed to China. We inclose you Invoice and Bill of Lading and you are to put on board six hundred Candies of Pepper to pay for which with Charges and allowance for loss in weight. We have Laden 55800 new Bombay Rupees which you are to receive shoud any Sandall Wood be procurable & the Supra Cargoes approve of the Comodity let such a Quantity as they desire be laden on board. which must be paid for in Dollars, you and those Gentlemen agreeing for the rate of them use the greatest Expedition and Dispatch the Commander to China

there to follow his Supra Cargoes Orders. At the Supra cargoes request we have encreased the Hardwicks Stock which by the Invoice you will observe to be two hundred and sixty thousand Rupees (260000) but when you Draw out the Invoice You need not confine yourselves exactly to that sum as a few Rupees in or over will make but little Difference. Enclosed you will receive a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for your settlement by that Ship.

On Settling the Short delivery of Ship Mountague from your place. Captain Freeman alledges that three Coils of Coir Cordage were lost by the Toneys over setting but as you must be the best Judges of this matter we have referred him to you and have made a proper Indorsment on the Bill of Lading which comes enclosed.

We are glad the plentifullness of the Crop of Pepper affords you hopes of so considerable a quantity. Your proceeding in regard thereto and mutually fixing a price with the French we approve the orders of the Hoñble Company for procuring all that is possible. You will observe in their Letter now sent you to which pay a due regard and by the Mountague advise the President and Council of Fort William what quantity you expect to have the ensuing season after reserving three thousand Candys as above ordered.

As We are sencible of the difficulty you often meet with in getting down Rice from Mangalore and the Contract you have made with your Linguist will in the end be as Cheap as any other method we approve of that proceeding.

From Mr. Jenkinsons representation how great a sufferer he must be if obliged to perform his Contract for Arrack. At his request we are willing it should cease. We observe the quantity deliverd amounts to a small matter more than he has been advanced money for.

We should be very unwilling to be the first European nation that submitted to paying Customs on plank and Timber at Callicut. but as the last Instance of the Portuguese shows it as a point the Government will not give up and that they have been obliged to Comply. It is not to be expected we alone should be exempted however try what can be done by Expostulation and any success you meet with will be very agreeable.

In hopes the Collector you have appointed for receiving the Revenues of Durmapatam will diligently perform the office and Our Hoñ Masters thereby experience an encrease We agree to the allowance of twenty Rups. ℔ Month. We permit you also to make such an allowance to Pedro Vagues pay as you think reasonable but not to exceed six Rupees ℔ Month.

We approve the method proposed of keeping your Books of Accounts in Rups. qrs. & raes.

We shall remember your request for a Doctor after the rains if a proper one can be meet with.

By the Mountagu we consign you to the amount of three hundred thousand Raes (300000) which is the whole we could get ready also two Chests of Sevillian Dollars. We expected from Surat by the Restoration Grab fifty thousand Rupees more a part thereof in Gold but as she does not yet appear and the Season is so late. We do not choose to detain the Ships therefore we shall if possible [*sic*] it by one of the latter Ships.

As it is of Great Consequence to the Hoñble Company the Hardwicks getting early of this Coast that her Arrival may be speedy at China We recommend to You the greatest Expedition and on no Account delay her a moment longer than necessary.

Mr. Rawden who remained here on Account of his indisposition now proceeds for Anjengo but if the Mountague will not touch there you must assist him in procuring a Conveyance and in that Case the Treasure must be landed from the Mountague and sent with him.

We send on the Pultney Felix Castell Serjeant and by the Mountagu Lemuel Palmer Corporal Zachariah Silvester and Ivachim Figurado Topasses who are all paid to the last of this month.

The Land paymasters Indent enclosed Let be complyed with

We mentioned in the former part of this Letter that the Mountagu would call at Onore but the Commodore thinking it unsafe to remain there a single Ship. We have ordered him to proceed with the Hardwicke directly to your Port.

BOMBAY CASTLE
APRIL 20TH. 1744.
RECED 28 FOLLOWING
℔ MOUNTAGU.

We are
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
HUGH HOWARD.
EDWARD OWEN.
JOHN MUNRO.

N°. 47

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

The Mountague not being clear of the Harbour and the Restoration Grab coming in with the Treasure from Surat intended for you. We now order it on board amounting as ℔ Invoice and Bill of lading enclosed to Rupees fifty thousand three hundred seventy and three (Rups. 50373) for which Credit this presidency.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 22D. OF APRIL 1744.
RECED 28TH. FOLLOWING
℔ MOUNTAGU.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN MORLEY.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
HUGH HOWARD.

N°. 47 [*sic*]

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS ATT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

In the Bill of Lading of Ship Mountague an exception is made to the quantity of Gunpowder for want of a Receipt, which being since come on Shoar, I now by order of the Honble President and Council enclose the same and am with the greatest Respect.

BOMBAY CASTLE
APRIL 22D. 1744.
RECD 28TH. FOLLOWING
℔ MOUNTAGU.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant
SAMUEL PRICE.

N°. 48

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your favour of the 2d. Instant came to hand this day by Mr. Rawdon by whom we recd the Chest and half of Treasure and the Packet you mention from the Hoñble President and Council of Bombay and another from the Hoñble the Court of Directors.

The Boatmen pressing for their dispatch and the weather looking doubtfull. we have not time to enlarge, but, We are

ANJENGO
MAY 5TH. 1744.
RECD 19TH. FOLLOWING
TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RICHARD BOUCHIER.
ROBERT RAWDON.
THOMAS PATTLE.
THOMAS LANE.
MAY SCLATER.

P.S. The large Munchua being now in sight, will be dispatched tomorrow: The Military will be returned in the Muncha they came in.

N°. 48 [*sic*]

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORY AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Herewith I deliver you the daily Account of the Workmen employed in building the New Factory at Callicut with their pay and the Cost of the sundry Materials signed by Mr. Peter Croes the Overseer of this Work.

Saving part of the Stones which cost more time and Chunam in the Working and laying than new ones would have done had they been ready provided none of the Materials of the old Factory were fit for use again which with the necessity we were under of making a Timber foundation the soil being very soft and sandy together with the Dearness of Cooley hire Artificers work Stones and Timber has made the sum already laid out upon this building so much exceed the Calculate. Notwithstanding no Care was wanting on my part or that of Mr. Croes.

TELLICHERRY
MAY 19TH. 1744.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM WEST.

N°. 49

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS ATT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

I received yours Just now wherein you desire to know my reasons for not taking in the six hundred Candys of Pepper orderd by the President and Council of Bombay.

When I was at Bombay by the best information I could get there I coud not Expect to take in any sandall wood here therefore to make my Ship Capable of going to Sea I took in one hundred Tonns of Bombay Ballast and on my Arrival here 300 Candys of Sandal wood, being ordered on board me, I was obliged to break up every bale of Cotton to put the Sandal Wood underneath, which with the bad weather we have had every afternoon, has render'd it a very tedious piece of Work to forward which I have been every day on board, I have now also four hundred Candys of Pepper on board which with the sandall wood is much more Tonnage than six hundred Candys of Pepper notwithstanding there is fifteen boats of sandall wood to go on board tomorrow morning the weather proving to bad to send the[m] off this afternoon. Notwithstanding I am able to take in [more] Pepper but as the weather has for several days proved very [bad and] dubious and the Monsoon may be Expected to set in every day, and as I was strictly enjoyned by the President and Council of Bombay, to get of the Coast if the weather proved as it now doth. I hope you will not detain me to take in more. I am

TELLICHERRY
MAY 4TH. 1744.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
JOHN HALLETT.

No. 50

TO JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS ATT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

The 25th. of last Month imported here Our Honble Masters Ships Lapwing and Prince William as did the Prince of Wales the 28th. the two last left England the 2d. of December and in their way called at the Cape. The Edgebaston Captain Cobham was there bound for Mocha, as was the Salisbury for England. And the Captains of these Ships inform us that the Hardwicke had been there also but are not Certain of the time of her leaving itt.

Enclosed we send you list of the Ships Arrived in England 174[4] as also of those designed out the Present Year. The War with Spain yet continues and it was uncertain what turn affairs would take in the spring in regard to us and France. There are two Ships arrived at Pondicherry this last month.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 5TH. 1744.
RECED JUNE 10TH.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

℔ PATTAMAR.

NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
THOMAS EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.
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